

SSVF – Memphis Area Legal Services

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Memphis Fair Housing Center

109 N. Main Street

Memphis TN 38103

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Supportive Services for Veteran Families Grant

Memphis Area Legal Services

- 100 veteran families:
 - City of Memphis
 - Shelby
 - Tipton
 - Lauderdale
 - Fayette
- Temporary Financial Assistance

Eligibility

1. Veteran *household* – discharge other than dishonorable
2. Very low income – <50% of median income in the area
3. Living in permanent housing or homeless

HOUSING FIRST model

Supportive Services

- Payment of Temporary Financial Assistance

- Rent

- Security Deposits

- Moving costs

- Utilities (not diversion costs)

- Child care

- Transportation

- Mortgage arrears

- Legal Representation

The Fair Housing Amendments Act (Federal law)

Prohibits discrimination based on:

- race
- color
- religion
- national origin
- sex
- familial status
- handicap/disability --- mental or physical

What is a Disability?

- Physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities
- Examples: seeing, walking, climbing, standing, lifting, hearing, speaking, breathing, thinking, concentrating, interacting with others, self-care, and learning.

Examples of Persons Considered to be Persons with Disabilities

1. People suffering from PTSD
2. People suffering from depression
3. People limited by mental retardation
4. Elderly people suffering from chronic illnesses
5. People with schizophrenia
6. People diagnosed with HIV infection or other infectious diseases
7. People who are mobility impaired

Reasonable Accommodations

A reasonable accommodation is a **change in the policy or practices** of a landlord or apartment complex management that is designed to allow a tenant the full enjoyment or access to his/her apartment and/or apartment complex.

Examples:

- Permission to keep a physical or psychiatric service animal – no pet fees or deposit

- Allow a tenant with mobility disability an assigned parking space near her apartment when other tenants have unassigned spaces

Reasonable Modifications

- Physical or Structural modifications
- For example, in an older building – accessible ramp, widening doorways, or customizing a kitchen or bathroom.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION: ACCESSIBLE ROUTE ~~INTO AND THROUGH UNIT~~



Barrier



DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION: ACCESSIBLE BUILDING ENTRANCES ON AN ACCESSIBLE ROUTE



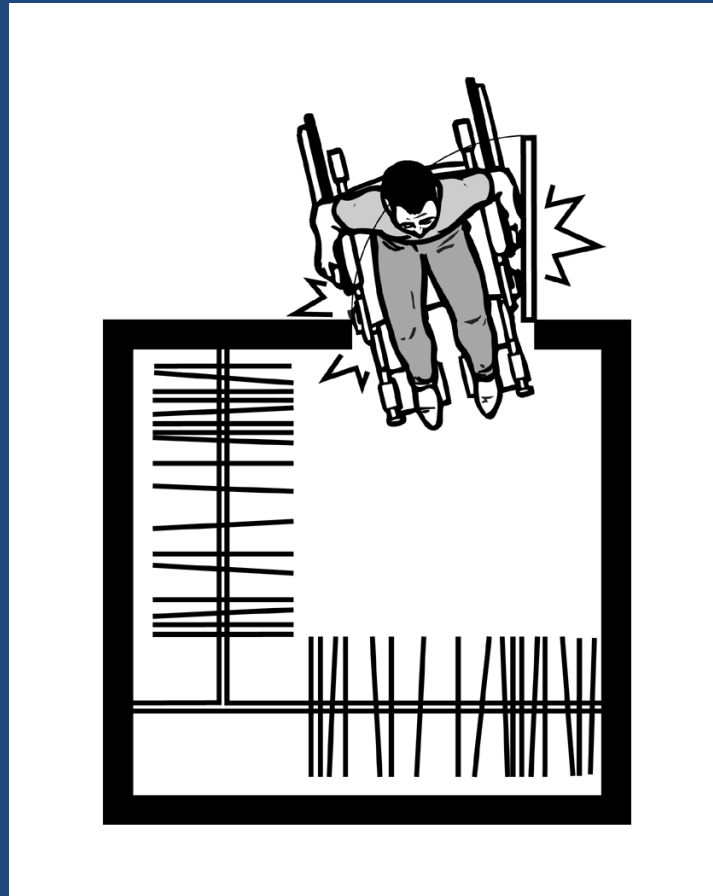
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DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION: ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC AND COMMON USE AREAS



DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION: USABLE DOORS



DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION: USABLE KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS



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